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Dear Friends:

This week I was honored and humbled to be one of two Members of Congress chosen as the recipient of InterAction's *Congressional Leadership Award* for my work in Congress on international development and humanitarian issues. InterAction is an alliance of 160 U.S.-based international development and humanitarian nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that operating in every developing country to overcome poverty, exclusion and suffering by advancing social justice and basic dignity for all. [Click here to read more.](#)

Every day the violence escalates in Iraq, and I share the concerns of the overwhelming majority of Americans regarding the conduct of the war, the cost in lives and tax dollars and the negligence of the Bush administration's "stay the course" strategy. I join my fellow Democratic colleagues in Congress in supporting a new direction in our country's Iraq policy to bring our troops home safe and soon.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Betty McCollum
Serving Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District

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